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SHRIMP ARRANGEMENT.

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1. GOVERNMENT OF BRASIL OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED A COMPLETE
LACK OF INTEREST IN JOINING A REGIONAL SHRIMP FISHING OR-
GANIZATION REFTTEL (B AND C), SAYING THAT BRAZILIAN VESSELS
DO NEGLIGABLE FISHING OFF THE GUIANAS AND THE SHRIMP STOCK
OFF THE BRAZILIAN COAST IS MORE THAN ADEQUATE FOR
BRAZILIAN NEEDS.

2. DEPT AND OTHER USG OFFICIALS AGREE THAT A REGIONAL APPROACH TO SHRIMP FISHING IS OPTIMUM FROM BOTH US INTEREST AND SCIENTIFIC CONSERVATION VIEWPOINT. BRAZIL, HOWEVER, DOES NOT HAVE FISHING INTERESTS OFF THE U.S. COAST AND THE U.S. HAS NO LEVERAGE TO PERSUADE BRAZIL TO JOIN A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION.

3. WHILE IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO BRING BRAZIL INTO A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT DEPT VIEW IS THAT SOME SORT OF FRAMEWORK SHOULD

BE DEVELOPED TO BRING AS MUCH ORDER AND STABILITY TO THE GUIANAS SHRIMP FISHERY AS POSSIBLE.

4. SINCE THE SHRIMP STOCK OFF THE GUIANAS IS A COMMON STOCK, AND SINCE THE SAME VESSELS FISH OFF ALL THE COASTAL STATES THE OPTIMUM NEXT STEP MIGHT BE FOR THE EC TO CALL A CONFERENCE OF THE COASTAL AND FISHING COUNTRIES NOT INCLUDING BRAZIL. THE RELATIVELY LIGHT BRAZILIAN FISHING ACTIVITY IN THE BRAZIL-GUIANAS FISHERY MAKES IT UNLIKELY THAT BRAZILIAN FISHING WOULD INTERFERE WITH A CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE GUIANAS.

5. IF NO INTEREST IN A REGIONAL ARRANGEMENT CAN BE DEVELOPED IN THE GUIANAS, THE U.S. WOULD LIKE TO ENTER INTO A BI-LATERAL FISHERIES AGREEMENT WITH THE EC FOR FRENCH GUIANA. ALTHOUGH THIS MAY NOT BE THE BEST OUTCOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR CONSERVATION PURPOSES IT WOULD AT LEAST PROVIDE A LONG TERM FRAMEWORK FOR U.S. SHRIMPING ACTIVITIES. ACTION REQUESTED: MISSION SHOULD INFORM EEC OF OUR PESSIMISM REGARDING BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION AND SHOULD PRESS EC TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM, PREFERABLY A REGIONAL ORGANIZATION WITHOUT BRAZIL. CHRISTOPHER

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